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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FENCH COMMENTS ON "AIRBUS" AND SOVIET AVIATIONISSUES

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1. DURING SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING OF OFFICERS OF WESTERN EMBASSIES CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTATION MATTERS, FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT "AIRBUS" FLIGHTS IN EXCHANGE FOR GREATER NUMBER OF SOVIET FREQUENCIES ON MOSCOW-PARIS ROUTE CONTAINED LIST OF CONDITIONS WHICH FRENCH REJECTED (NO DETAILS). HE CHARACTERIZED TRUE SOVIET POSITION AS EITHER ONE OF PROCRASTINATION WHILE WAITNG FOR STRETCH VERSION OF IL-86 TO COME INTO SERVICE, OR ONE OF UNCERTAINTY AS TO HOW TO HANDLE SECURITY AND PROCESSING PROBLEMS OF 300 PASSENGERS. AT QUADRIPARTITE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19, FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE LEUSSE USED VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL FORMULATION TO DESCRIBE SOVIET ATTITUED. (SOVIT AVIATION OFFICIAL MIRZOYAN FOUND IT NECESSARY TO GO PUBLIC ON ISSUE IN SEPTEMBER 13 LITERATURNAYA GAZETA, ASSERTING THAT USSR WOULD WELCOME
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EARLY AIRBUS FLIGHTS IF SOVIETS WERE COMPENSATED BY BONUS IN FREQUENCIES.)

2. AIR SAFETY -- NEAR MISSES AND ACCIDENTS:
IN THE LAST ONE-AND-ONE-HALF YEARS, ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH AIR FRANCE HAS RECORDED FIVE NEAR MISSES WITH AEROFLOT AIRLINERS DURING THEIR SCHEDULED BILATERAL SERVICE TO MOSCOW.

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THE LASTEST WAS WITHIN THE LAST FEW WEEKS AT KIEV.
THE FRENCH ALSO REPORT THAT THEY HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION
THAT THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR AEROFLOT CRASHES INVOLVING
FATALITIES SO FAR IN 1977, ONE EACH IN TASHKENT, THE
URALS, ALTAI, AND YEREVAN.

3. YAK-40: FRENCH EMBASSY SAYS SOVIETS ARE SEEKING
FRENCH CERTIFICATION OF THE YAK-40. FRENCH CIVIL AVIATION
AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY, ARE UNLIKELY TO
COMPLY.
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